

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 23: TRANSPORTATION
Chapter 9: BRIDGES

§563. INSPECTION, POSTING AND CLOSURE

The department shall inspect all structures. [2001, c. 314, §2 (NEW); 2001, c. 314, §4 (AFF) .]

1. Municipal-maintained structures. For a structure for which a municipality has maintenance responsibility, the department shall advise the municipality of its inspection findings, noted deficiencies and recommendations regarding posting or closure. The municipality has sole responsibility and authority to determine whether a structure must be posted or closed, except that the department may close the structure in cases of emergency or when the department reasonably determines closure is necessary to protect the traveling public from imminent hazard. If the department becomes aware of deficiencies in a structure that could impact posting or closure decisions, the department shall promptly notify the municipality. The municipality is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the posting and closure, including any needed notifications, procedures, signing and barricades.

[2001, c. 314, §2 (NEW); 2001, c. 314, §4 (AFF) .]

2. Department-maintained structures. For a structure for which the department has maintenance responsibility, the department has sole responsibility and authority to determine whether the structure must be posted or closed, except that a municipality may close the structure in cases of emergency. If the municipality becomes aware of deficiencies in a structure that could impact posting or closure decisions, the municipality shall promptly notify the department. The department is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the posting and closure, including any needed notifications, procedures, signing and barricades.

[2001, c. 314, §2 (NEW); 2001, c. 314, §4 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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